

Section 1115 - Water Emergencies and Irrigation Bans

1115.01 Water Emergency. Whenever necessary to meet a water shortage, the Manager may declare a water emergency and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations for the use of water.

1115.02. Irrigation Ban. Irrigation means using an in-ground irrigation system, mechanical sprinkler attached to a hose or an unattended hose. It does not include hand watering or watering with a hand held hose. City water may be used for irrigation subject to the following:

Subd. 1. **Even Numbered Addresses.** All properties with an address ending with an even digit may use city water for irrigation purposes on even-numbered dates only.

Subd. 2. **Odd Numbered Addresses.** All properties with an address ending with an odd digit may use city water for irrigation purposes on odd-numbered dates only.

Subd. 3. Notwithstanding Subd. 1 and Subd. 2, Homeowners' associations and apartment complexes that provide a common irrigation system may water every other day on a day designated by the owner if they registered in advance with the City's Public Works Department.

Subd. 4. **No Mid-day Watering.** No property may use any water for irrigation purposes during the hours of 11:00 AM through 5:00 PM of any day.

Subd. 5. **Exempt Properties.** Upon written request and approval by the City Manager, or his designee the following properties are authorized to irrigate at times other than permitted in Subd. 1, 2, 3, and 4 hereof:

1. Nurseries and similar businesses that grow plants, trees or sod for resale;
2. Publicly owned playfields and parks;
3. Newly sodded or grass seeded areas for a period of fourteen days (14) days.

Subd. 6. **Exempt Water Sources.** The requirements of Subd. 1, Subd. 2, Subd. 3, Subd. 4, and Subd. 5 shall not apply to irrigation with privately owned wells or irrigation with water supplied from the City of Minneapolis.

1115.03. Penalty. Failure to comply with restrictions or prohibitions imposed by this Section shall result in a surcharge for water service for each day of violation in an amount set forth in Section 185 of the City Code which shall be added to the water bill for the premises on which such violation occurs. The City Manager, or his designee, shall mail a Notice of Surcharge to the violator upon imposition of a surcharge.

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References: M.S. 444.075

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